



## Senate

General Assembly

February Session, 2016

**File No. 172**

Senate Bill No. 312

*Senate, March 23, 2016*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO STUDY BOTTLE BILL BEVERAGE CONTAINER REFUND VALUES AND REDEMPTION FEES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2       Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
3       Revenue Services, shall conduct a study on the possible elimination of  
4       the beverage container refund value specified in section 22a-244 of the  
5       general statutes and the substitution of such refund value with a  
6       nonrefundable four-cent recycling fee, to be used to promote recycling  
7       and anti-littering programs in the state. Not later than December 31,  
8       2016, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
9       submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
10      statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
11      having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and finance  
12      and revenue. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, any  
13      recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the



- 14 recommendations developed pursuant to such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable*



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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to conduct a study on the possible replacement of the beverage container refund with a non-refundable four-cent recycling fee. DEEP is required to submit this report to the Environment and Finance and Revenue Committees by December 31, 2016.

As DEEP has staff with expertise in this area, this study is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None



**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 312**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

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